

## News

## Luxuriant Life on the Galápagos Seafloor

Marine life found unexpectedly in 1977 in the vicinity of hydrothermal vents along the Galápagos Rift has proven to be of considerable interest because of newly discovered growth mechanisms. Among the life forms observed were giant tube worms, clams, mussels, and plantlike animals. It is the size alone beyond belief, the hostility of the living environment—noxious, hydrogen sulfide-rich warm pockets—appeared bizarre. Even though life at depths of 2.5 km on the seafloor is known normally to be sparse in comparison with shallow-water biological systems, the heated water pockets seem to account for the localized contradictions. What was difficult to explain was the toxic environment and the apparent lack of nutrients. Furthermore, the tube worms had no mouths, not even digestive systems. Recent reports in *Science* (November 20, 1981), and by the Smithsonian Institution (Research Reports), describe findings on bivalves studied at the hydrothermal vents and tube worms returned to the laboratory by the U.S. Navy research submarine *Alvin*. The growth rates are among the highest known for deep-sea life. The way the deep seafloor marine life are understood to "eat" (absorb nutrients would be a better description) involves mechanisms never observed before that breakdown hydrogen sulfide with bacteria.

The giant-size marine life along the Galápagos rift exist in pockets next to hydrothermal vents. Instead of the cold temperatures of the surrounding seafloor (close to 2°C), these pockets are warm (10°–27°C). According to the Smithsonian Institution, several dozen worms (a 1.5-m-long worm from the rift, *Riftia pachyptila* Jones, was named after Smithsonian worm expert M. L. Jones—*Science*, July 17, 1981), were collected by the *Alvin* crew from colorfully named warm pockets along the rift such as the "Dandelions," the "Garden of Eden," and the "Rose Garden." Research done by several international groups determined that there was little or no organic material in the surrounding mud from which the worms were attracted; that left only one possibility—the worms somehow could live, and thrive, on a byproduct of hydrogen sulfide. Close examination of the long body trunk portions of the worms revealed

tiny crystalline grains of pure sulfur, evidence of some sort of mechanism that was capable of breaking down  $H_2S$ , the sulfur being left as a precipitate. As a result of studies of the worms (several results on *Riftia pachyptila* Jones are reported in the July 17, 1981, issue of *Science*, pp 333–348), it was deduced that the mode of taking nutrition used by the worms involves a detoxification step that reduced the sulfide chemically. There are complex steps of catalysis and synthesis of carbohydrates and proteins by enzymes in bacteria that live in the worms. The carbohydrate and protein nutrients thus produced are taken up by the muscle tissue of the worms, the result of an ideal symbiosis.

The growth rates of the rift seafloor animals seem to reflect the high efficiency of the automorphic nutrition process. Mussels that have been studied from the rift have growth rates of 1 cm per year, considered among the highest for deep-sea organisms, and clams are observed to grow at 5 times that rate.—PMB

## Magnetospheric Cleft

The magnetospheric cleft is an opening between the earth's magnetic field and the interplanetary field associated with the magnetic poles. Charged particles entering the earth's upper atmosphere cause the aurora or aurora which occurs in the polar regions. At this time of year, as the sun approaches winter solstice and is below the horizon in northern Canada, atmospheric conditions can be studied on the "auroral" of the earth as they appear in the dark from the ground. The cleft offers a unique opportunity to study particle acceleration mechanisms in a regime that is less structured in space and time, as opposed to the highly dynamic nighttime auroral region, yet is equally interesting and physically rewarding.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Research Council (NRC) of Canada will hold a cooperative, sounding rocket program in the Northwest Territories of Canada to study the dynamics of the cleft. Five large rockets carrying some 30 experiments will be launched into the prenoon, noon, and postnoon magnetospheric cleft region this fall. Ground-based instrumentation stations were installed this past summer at Cape Parry and Sachs Harbor, N.W.T., as well as additional launch support and accommodation facilities at Cape Parry.

There are practical as well as scientific reasons for this study because what happens in this region can cause problems ranging from communications disruptions to pipeline corrosion and, in ways not yet fully understood, can influence long-term weather patterns. The primary goal of the Cleft Energetics, Transport and Ultraviolet Radiation (CENTAUR) Project will be a comparison of mechanisms responsible for the production of Birkeland currents—great sheet currents of electricity that run into and out of the ionosphere around the auroral ovals—and the associated energization of charged particles in the pre- and postnoon magnetospheric cleft. In particular, the anticipated difference in the direction of the electric field downward on the morningside and upward on the eveningside implies different mechanisms involving different charge carriers. Data will be acquired by an assortment of ground instrumentation and sounding rocket payloads instrumented with sensitive scientific experiments. Some anticipated results are (a) determination of the mechanism(s) responsible for particle acceleration in the cleft; (b) delineation of differences or similarities between pre- and postnoon acceleration processes (i.e., how can morning electron arcs be produced when the overall parallel electric field has the wrong sign); (c) verification of the presence of tangential (shear) discontinuities in the cleft ion flow (region of no electric field) and the scale size of the null electric field (zero flow) (is it as small as the local ion gyroradius?); (d) determination of the spatial relationship between ion shear flows, field-aligned currents, particle acceleration (inverted V's), dayside auroral arcs, and associated waves; (e) observation and analysis of plasma instabilities generated by currents. Special interest will be centered on the field-aligned currents by which the ion cyclotron instability is known to be generated. Also it is possible that the reversal in plasma flow across the current sheet can generate the Kelvin-Helmholtz instability.—PMB (source NASA)

## Computers More Capable, Less Costly

During the past four decades of computer development, diminishing size of the integrated circuit has led to exponential increases in the capability of semiconductor chips and a steady decrease in the costs of computing. The size reduction of circuit components has resulted in a series of problems of an ultimate limit decrease and in the introduction of natural smallness barriers involving quantum effects. Techniques for fabricating microminiature chips are size limited for similar reasons. There is a marked increase in research being done in submicrometer dimensionality. Recently, Cornell University dedicated a new multimillion-dollar building to be headquarters for the National Research and Resources Facility for Submicron Structures. The increase in reliability of miniaturized integrated circuits in computer application over the past four decades is illustrated only by their increased capabilities. Figure 1 shows a plot of the semiconductor chip capability in comparison with the transistor itself in 1957, the integrated circuit in the early 1960's, the one-chip calculator in 1970, and the exponential random access memory circuit during the last decade.

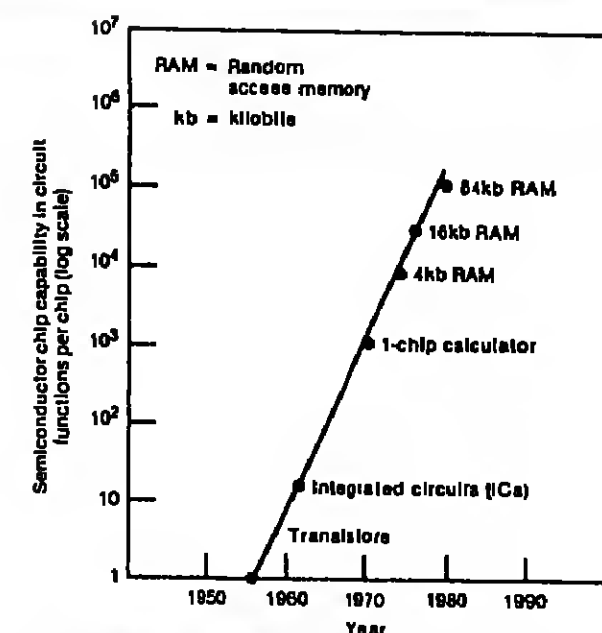
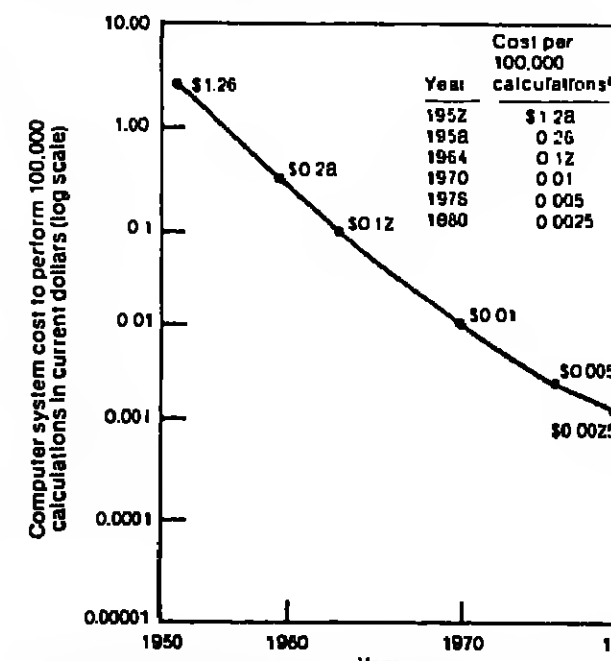


Fig. 1. Increase in capability of semiconductor chips from 1956–1980.

In the same time period, costs of the circuits and devices that utilize them are dropping rapidly. According to a recent report by the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) (Computer-Based National Information Systems, OTA, 1981), the costs of storing and processing are so low now that the effects on society are as dramatic as those caused by the invention of the printing press. The drop in average computer system costs per 100,000 calculations in the time span 1952–1980 is shown in Figure 2. The cost per 100,000 calculations in current dollars is plotted against time. These costs went down from \$1.26 in 1952 to \$0.0025 in 1980 (per 100,000 calculations).



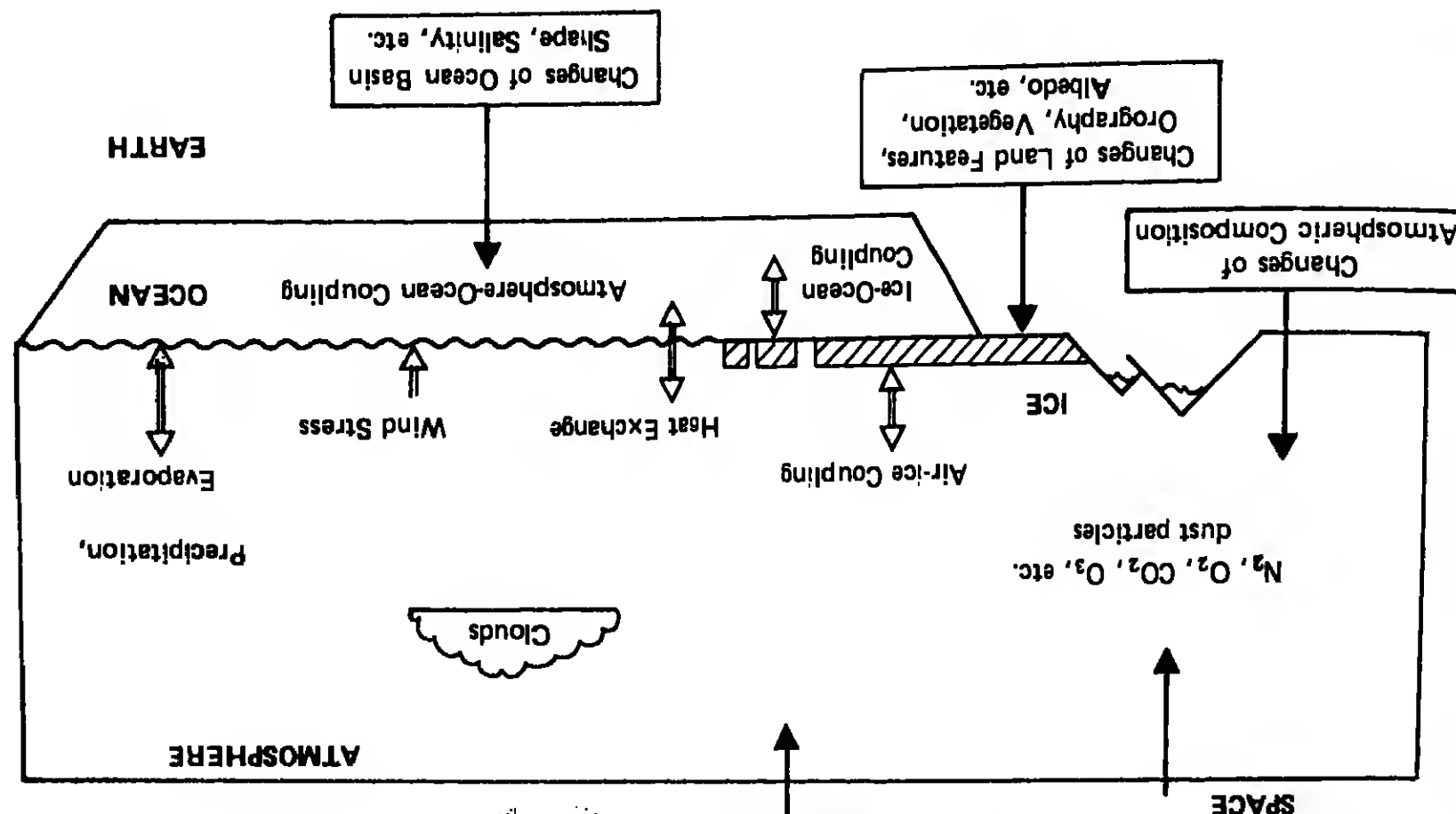
Cost per 100,000 calculations is based on data for the following IBM computer systems with year in parentheses: 701 (1952), 7090 (1958), 360/50 (1964), 370/168 (1970), 3033/1965, 4320/1 (1980).  
Fig. 2. Drop in average computer system cost per 100,000 calculations from 1952–1980.

The limits to continued lowering of costs and increases in miniaturized circuit capability are rapidly approaching. According to a brief report describing the new Cornell Submicron Facility (*Industrial Research and Development*, November 1981), as the circuits get smaller "... familiar rules [of physics and chemistry] no longer apply, owing to quantum mechanical effects." A major project in the research of microcircuits is ultra-small-scale electron beam etching of semiconductor chips. It is now possible to etch lines with widths less than 15 Å on a circuit substrate. Light-ion beams (hydrogen ions) are being used for the same purpose, but to avoid electron scattering effects (the "small proximity effect"). High resolution in etching and imaging circuits onto substrates is being advanced.—PMB

## Earth Sciences Grants

As part of a 4-year, \$5-million program by the Atlantic Richfield Foundation, 14 departments at 10 universities will receive grants to support doctoral students and junior faculty in geology and geophysics. The Atlantic Richfield Foundation will provide a total of 40 grants of \$125,000 each to specific departments at 30 universities (10 universities will receive two grants each).

For each grant, \$25,000 will be applied annually for 4 years for fellowship support of outstanding doctoral students selected by the department receiving the grant. The fellowships are intended to encourage greater interest in teaching careers. The other \$25,000 of the grant will be for the support of junior faculty. The funds are to be supplied at the discretion of the receiving department and are primarily for salary supplements and summer stipends or for new equipment and laboratory expenses.



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## Meetings

## Precipitation Variations

How precipitation varies with space and time during individual storms will be discussed during an all-day symposium at the 1982 AGU Spring Meeting from May 31 to June 4, in Philadelphia, Pa. The symposium, sponsored by the Precipitation Committee of the Hydrology Section, will provide a forum for the presentation of recent research results on the formulas and area-depth-duration relations of rainfall. These describe the manner in which precipitation amounts vary, over the earth's surface and with time, in an individual rain cell, a single shower or thunderstorm, or a short rainstorm lasting much less than a day. The symposium will complement the AGU Chapman Conference on Rainfall Rates, to be held April 27–29 in Urbana, Ill.

Papers should emphasize practical applications to problems in runoff forecasting, drainage design, and rain-gauge networks, as well as storm dynamics. Abstracts, in standard AGU format, should be mailed to the symposium chairman, Jaime Amorcho, Department of Civil Engineering, University of California, Davis, CA 95616; deadline is February 15. In addition, the abstract original must be sent to Meetings, AGU, 2000 Florida Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 by the Spring Meeting abstract deadline, March 10. Additional information can be obtained from Amorcho (telephone: 916-762-0685) or the associate chairman, David Hershfield, Hydrology Laboratory, SEA/AR, Beltsville, MD 20705 (telephone: 301-344-3941).

## Shear Waves and Pattern Recognition

The third biennial SEG/USN Joint Technical Symposium will be held March 22–23 in Building 1200 of the National Space Technology Laboratories in Bay St. Louis, Miss. The symposium, sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists, will be hosted by the Naval Ocean Research and Development Authority (NORDA) and will be held in conjunction with NORDA's workshop entitled "Pattern Analysis in the Marine Environment" (March 24–25).

The symposium's two themes are shear waves and pattern recognition in the marine environment. Among the topics to be discussed are detection and measurement techniques in marine and nonmarine environments; shear wave energy partitioning at transitional boundaries and effects on transmission/reflection losses in the marine environment; and shear wave data as an aid in defining seafloor engineering properties, depositional environments, lithologic variability, and elastic rock properties. Additional discussions will be held on pattern recognition, which is the automated detection, classification, and ordering of pseudo-random data. This data may be used for geologic and bathymetric charting and for structural and sedimentological analyses.

Prospective authors are requested to submit an abstract, a biographical sketch, and a statement of audiovisual requirements to J. Alan Ballard, Chairman, SEG/USN Technical Program, NORDA, NSTL Station, MS 39520 (telephone: 601-680-4760). Abstract deadline is January 6.

Participants should preregister with Myron Webb, Department of Conferences, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, MS 39560 (telephone: 601-688-3054). The registration fee is \$25. Lodging reservations should be made by March 10 through the Diamondhead reservations office (telephone 800-647-9550, 601-255-1421 in Mississippi).

## Groundwater Conference

The 11th Rocky Mountain Groundwater conference will be held April 14–16, 1982, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Top to be covered at the meeting include groundwater contamination, groundwater monitoring, and water well technology. In addition, a field trip to Salt Lake Valley is planned. Send titles of proposed papers and requests for editorial information to Joseph S. Gates, U.S. Geological Survey, W. R. D., 1745 West 17th South St., Salt Lake City, UT 84104 (telephone: 801-524-8654). Deadline for paper submission is January 15.

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Cover: Amphibolite-grade rocks of the Lower Paleozoic Shoo Fly Complex in Tuolumne and Mariposa counties, California, comprise the most pervasively deformed basement rocks of the west central Sierra Nevada. In this oblique photo of a typical Shoo Fly paragneiss, a foliation folds a penetrative mylonitic foliation (S<sub>1</sub>), which is developed along axial planes to intralithic isoclinal. Near the top of the photo note the eye-droplets caused by superposition of folding episodes. Spaced ductile shear zones (S<sub>2</sub>) are related to a third phase of folding not shown here. The third structures are isoclinal and shear folds with significant shearing along S<sub>2</sub>. The third structures progressively grade into a blastomylonitic foliation near the Calaveras-Shoo Fly thrust—a probably deep-seated, cryptic, fault. In the vicinity of this thrust, older structures are metamorphically overprinted and obliterated by the third-phase mylonites, which are themselves often mylonitic, pseudotachylite. Brittle conjugate cleavages are a product of Mesozoic orogenesis. (Photo by Charles Merguerian of Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory and Rutgers University.)



The universities and departments that will receive the grants, according to the Atlantic Richfield Company, are the Colorado School of Mines, geology and geophysical engineering departments; Texas A&M University, geosciences department; University of Southern California, geological sciences department; University of Colorado, geology department; Louisiana State University, geology department; University of Minnesota, geology and geophysics departments; University of Oklahoma, geology and geophysics departments; University of Wisconsin, geology and geophysics departments; and Yale University, geology and geophysics departments.

### Nation's Water Picture Better But Southeast Still Dry

The flow of the nation's 'Big Five' rivers, representing stream runoff from about half of the continuous United States, increased during November and was 13% above normal for the month, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. USGS scientists said flow of these rivers—the Mississippi, St. Lawrence, Ohio, Columbia, and Missouri—increased from 483 billion gallons per day (bgd) during October, a rate which was 2% above normal for the month, to 553 bgd during November. Because of the large area draining into the Big Five, their combined flow provides a quick, useful check on the pulse of the nation's water resources. The Big Five flow has been above average for the last 8 months.

As a further indication of the generally healthy water situation, the USGS reports that over 70% of the 187 key index gaging stations across the country reported normal to above-normal streamflow during November. Conditions in the Southeast and scattered parts of the central and western states, however, remain well below normal.

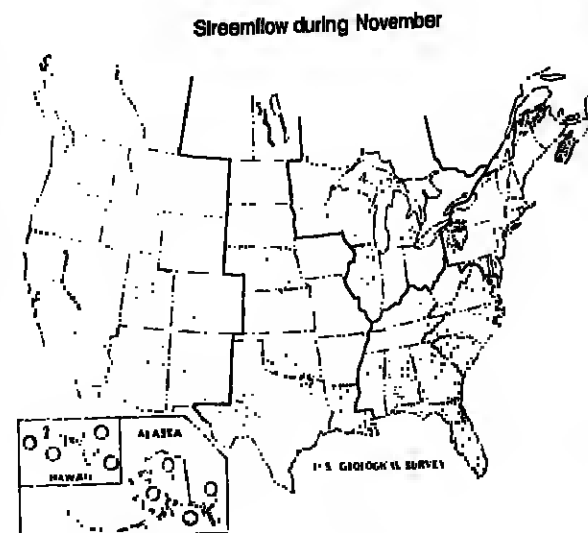
Working in cooperation with federal, state, and local officials, the USGS compiled the following highlights of water resource conditions across the country in November:

• **Big Five.** Individual flows of the Big Five for November: Mississippi River near Vicksburg, Miss., 229 bgd, 17% above normal and 28% above October's flow; St. Lawrence River near Massena, N.Y., 192 bgd, 20% above normal, but 1% below last month; Columbia River at The Dalles, Ore., 56 bgd, 1% below normal, but 2% above October; Missouri River at Hermann, Mo., 39 bgd, 10% above normal and 14% above last month; and the Ohio River at Louisville, Ky., 37 bgd, 8% below normal, but 64% above October.

• **Southeast.** Two key streams set new record lows as the dry spell in the Southeast continued. Twenty-six of the 32 key index stations in the eight coastal states from Virginia south to Florida and west to Louisiana reported below-normal streamflow during November. In addition, parts of eastern Tennessee and Kentucky also reported below-normal flows.

As in October, monthly flows were below normal at all six of the index stations in Florida. In Georgia, three of the state's four index stations reported below-normal flows.

Surface- and groundwater levels were below normal in Virginia and the Carolinas. The usual seasonal flow pattern in Virginia is for streamflow to take an upturn during November, but, in contrast to the usual trend, flows on all four of the state's key streams declined and were below normal.



Above normal  
within the highest 25 percent of record for this month

In normal range

Below normal  
within the lowest 25 percent of record for this month

Groundwater levels in North Carolina remained 0.5 to 2.5 feet below the long-term average.

• **Northeast.** Streamflow was in the normal range throughout most of the Northeast, with 18 of 25 key index stations from New England to Maryland reporting normal monthly flows. In contrast, Long Island, central Maryland, and most of New Jersey reported below-normal flows.

Groundwater levels generally rose in New England where 50 of the 58 key index wells in Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island reported levels above those measured last month. The rise brought half of the key wells up to levels at or above the long-term average for November. Groundwater levels increased throughout upstate New York and in most of Connecticut. In contrast, three key wells in Maryland set record lows for November.

• **Middle Atlantic.** Freshwater inflow to the Chesapeake Bay, representing stream runoff from a 65,000 square-mile area of the Middle Atlantic states from New York to Virginia, averaged 32 bgd, 9% below the average November inflow of 35 bgd. Inflow to the Bay has averaged below normal for most of the last 18 months.

• **Great Lakes and Midwest.** Streamflow and groundwater levels were in the normal range in most of the Great Lakes region and Midwest, although flows were below normal and several key wells fell to record lows in parts of the Midwest. For example, index stations in Nebraska, Iowa, and Kansas indicated below-normal streamflows, and observation wells in Kansas, Arkansas, and North Dakota established new lows.

• **West.** Flow conditions were in the normal range in most western states, except for Montana and parts of Arizona and New Mexico, where streamflow averaged below normal, and California and Utah, where streamflow averaged above normal. Three wells tapping the basalt aquifer (water-bearing rock formation) beneath the Snake River Plain in Idaho reached new month-and lows. (Photo credit: U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.)

## Forum

### Meteorological Rocket Network Archives

The Meteorological Rocket Network (MRN) has provided synoptic observation of middle atmosphere (25–60 km) wind and temperature structure for more than two decades since its initiation in 1959. More than 35,000 meteorological rockets have been deployed into the stratospheric circulation (SC) from more than 30 stations scattered over the earth, with current accumulation rates of roughly 1000 soundings per year. Archives of this MRN development have been assembled at the University of Texas at El Paso, and this permanent repository for past and future MRN data and artifacts will be dedicated on February 2, 1982. All atmospheric scientists are welcome to contribute to, take part in dedication of, and make use of all information contained in these archives.

Missile range meteorologists implemented small meteorological rocket development during the 1950's to satisfy requirements for mesoscale atmospheric structure data during rocket tests. They cooperated in this venture to ensure efficiency, and through this cooperation they opened a new world of dynamical structure unknown to previous generations. Efforts to maximize returns from meteorological rocket sampling through synoptic coordination have revolutionized knowledge of SC structure at the gross end of the turbulent spectrum. At the same time, the necessity of developing small and inexpensive rocket observational systems has produced sensitivities which reveal prolific small-scale turbulence and a viscous nature of the upper atmosphere. Notions that flows are laminar in the upper atmosphere and free of highly significant eddy transport processes, and/or that any features observed there have certainly propagated upward are eliminated from rational scientific analysis by these MRN results.

MRN data have doubled the synoptically observed atmospheric volume and have revealed detailed knowledge of (a) interhemispheric flows between SC monsoonal circulations during 'winter storm periods,' which serve to unify and mix the global upper atmosphere; (b) explosive warming events in polar winter stratospheric regions with wind and temperature variations of several hundred knots and as much as 100°C over a few days; (c) diurnal tidal circulations with tens of knots amplitude around a roughly 15°C stratopause heat wave which serve to stir mesospheric and dynamical regions (50–100 km); (d) a highly turbulent and viscous upper atmosphere.

These MRN results make it impossible to adequately model environmental support for space age technology without current knowledge of all aspects of what is obviously a unified atmospheric dynamical system.

A primary message of MRN synoptic SC investigation is that the upper atmosphere is not the static place that had been assumed. In reality, the upper atmosphere is a highly turbulent and variable region. This dynamic nature emerges from a reduced ambient density medium which serves to amplify traveling perturbations that are commonly damped out of most lower atmospheric observations as inconsequential. Viscous inducing processes that accompany dissipation of these waves communicate the underlying structure of the earth's surface and lower atmosphere to the reflected upper atmosphere and reveal the total unified atmospheric structure. This inhomogeneous source of energy input is incorporated into local dynamical structures that span the entire turbulent spectral range, from synoptic events of hemispheric dimensions to cascading dissipation of smaller and smaller internal waves into thermal structures.

Failure of models based on static assumptions to yield realistic models of special features of upper-atmospheric structure, such as noctilucent cloud formations, sudden warmings, dynamo current motivation, auroral activity, as well as general ionospheric structure, is easily understood in the face of this intense turbulent activity. Chemical and electrical structures of the chemosphere and ionosphere are highly dependent on eddy transport structures, as is the water vapor structure required to support noctilucent cloud formation in mesospheric regions. Interactions between the earth's neutral atmosphere and the ionosphere are entirely dependent on viscosity produced by much larger eddy transport coefficients, which are now known to dominate upper atmospheric regions.

The Meteorological Rocket Network Archives (MRNA) consist of a complete set of MRN data reports (166 volumes), books that deal with MRN development and data analysis, scientific reports, manuals, organizational and administrative reports, and examples of rocket and sensor hardware. A history of the MRN effort has been prepared to summarize this twofold expansion of synoptic meteorology and to provide a ready reference (more than 300 entries) for all scientists of the contents of the MRNA. All atmospheric scientists are invited to acquaint themselves with these archives so that they can make full use of MRN data to discern the unified atmospheric structure which is known to exist. Inquiries about accumulation, dedication, and use of the MRNA should be addressed to William L. Webb, Schellenger Research Laboratory, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas 79968 (telephone: 915/755-5552).

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aries of this material, and the interpretation of the results of these analyses. The chapter contains a worthwhile discussion of the difficulty of obtaining representative values for in situ particle density, size distributions, and fall velocities. It also provides a concise review of the literature on the computation of sediment fluxes and the processes associated with turbidity maxima in estuaries with different types of circulation.

Almost every estuarine study includes some form of measurement of current velocity, water temperature, and salinity. Chapter 7 discusses the spatial and temporal variability of these parameters in relation to rational design of a sampling program. It discusses actual collection of these data and presents a computer program that provides a standardized analysis procedure. Following this, net discharge and flux computations are defined, and a numerical example is given to illustrate the importance of using the proper definition to calculate tidal-cycle average values.

The book provides a good introduction to estuarine hydrography and sedimentation. It emphasizes processes, outlines techniques, and points to pitfalls without dwelling on detailed procedures. With one or two exceptions, the references listed are adequate for readers requiring more detail in particular study areas. The book is generally successful in achieving the editor's purposes, and this reviewer is anticipating the appearance of the promised companion volumes on estuarine chemistry and estuarine biology.

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### The Ore Minerals and Their Intergrowths, 2nd ed.

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Reviewed by Paul B. Barton, Jr.

Paul Ramdohr, professor of mineralogy, Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Federal Republic of Germany, is a revered institution among students of ore deposits. For half a century he has been the leading authority on ore minerals and their textural interpretation. His third German (and first English) edition (1980) of this title is a standard reference. His descriptive mineralogical work and presentation of a wide variety of ore textures are without peer.

The author and publisher are commended and thanked by this monolingual reviewer for publishing this book in English editions, in addition to those in German. The sentence structure is often Tautologic, but in only a few places was this reviewer left mystified (e.g., p. xix, lines 7–11; and the last sentence on page 13). In the course of review, my copy of volume 1 logged several thousand miles in my briefcase; the page binding is now showing signs of wear, and I am concerned for its longevity as a shelf reference in the microscope laboratory.

The new edition notes more than 400 ore and gangue mineral species, a quarter of them new since the previous edition. It is for the mineral descriptions that one seeks out *The Ore Minerals and Their Intergrowths*, and in this area Ramdohr has kept up rather well. However, most of the new minerals are very rarely noted, and the beautiful photographs so characteristic of Ramdohr's work are seldom given for the newer minerals.

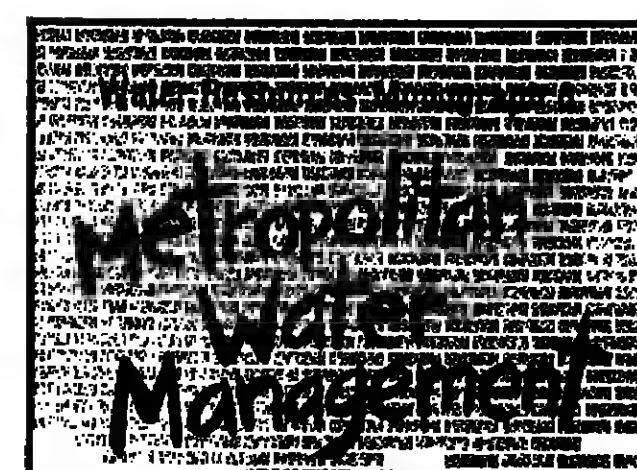
The book begins with 78 pages of genetic systematics dealing with the processes that produce ore minerals and continues with about 200 pages on ore textures and their general interpretation. The most valuable and voluminous part of the book is the systematic description of the ore minerals, which is nicely supplemented by many black-and-white photographs of the minerals and their textures. More than 800 photographs provide a remarkable catalog of mineral textures and show an amazing perfection in low-relief surface preparation. New photographs contribute about 15% of the total. Ramdohr places great emphasis on oil-immersion optics, even for low magnification; thus he achieves a contrast between minerals that is considerably accentuated beyond the images that those of us accustomed to dry optics may remember. The second English edition devotes 85 pages to 'Elemental and Intermittent Compounds,' 47 pages to 'Alloy-Like Compounds and Tellurides,' 452 pages to 'Common Sulfides and 'Sulfosalts,' 108 pages to 'Oxidic Ore Minerals,' and 123 pages to

'Gangue Minerals and Non-Opaque Oxide Ore Minerals.' A 20-page table of 'New Refractivity Values' is inserted in a pocket at the back of the first volume. It is the most up-to-date feature, as it cites 1976 and 1977 references. A 37-page locality index, a 1135-entry bibliography, a 1-page alphabetical subject index (for too brief), and a 6-page mineral index are included. Ramdohr is particularly thorough in his treatment of the iron-titanium oxides and reduced uranium minerals, and the overall coverage is very comprehensive. The variety is tremendous, and ideas for additional work abound. In contrast, transmitted light study of the transparent ore minerals, an area of rapidly growing importance (for example, see McLennan, Barnes, and Ormrod, *Econ. Geol.*, p. 351, 1980, or Barton, *Mining Geology*, Japan, p. 293, 1978), receives very little discussion.

The adding and technical revising could have been much more thorough. The scales of four photographs were changed by about 50% from the first to the second English edition. In each photograph the statement about magnification was that of the earlier version. The photographs in the new edition are generally, but by no means universally, superior to the older edition, being of higher contrast and sometimes in sharper focus. Unfortunately, most of the captions come directly from the earlier edition, and all too often one finds that 'grey' may in fact be black. Some photographs have gained detail, but a few have lost it. Some downright errors appear, such as that on page 248, where the compressibility of the host crystal is blamed for the necessity for pressure corrections for some fluid-inclusion thermometry; the clinobar-melachlorite transition is listed as monotropic, despite clear evidence to the contrary by Dickson and Tunell in 1959 (*Am. Mineral.*, p. 471).

Because no author index is given, the reviewer may have overlooked a few citations, but overall the lack of modern references is surprising, and even where modern references are given in the bibliography, they are all too often ignored in the text. The second English edition contains about 1135 references (the dust jacket claims only 800), but they represent little of the modern literature. The most recent references are two for 1977, the most recent date begins in 1971, and the median date of citation is 1956—a full quarter century ago! This reviewer grants that all too often valuable older studies are neglected just because they are not 'modern,' but science is a dynamic thing, and reverence for history is only a part of knowledge. How, for example, can one justify even a half-page review of fluid inclusions by citing H. C. Sorby and W. H. Newhouse without even mentioning Edwin Roedder? Why should a list of 18 sources of information on geological thermometers give no references more recent than 1984? Why would a discussion of 'transformed textures,' including annealing and exsolution, not cite Richard Stanton or even contain the terms 'spinel' or 'coherent exsolution'? Why, in view of numerous definitive geochemical studies to the contrary by Julian Hemley and others, should the author state that 'hot alkaline waters' are the main agents of wallrock alteration? Why is there a 12-page discussion of 'colloidal' textures and no mention of Edwin Roedder's penetrating 1968 criticism (*Econ. Geol.*, p. 451) of so-called colloidal textures? Not even passing mention is made of the widely available 1974 Mineralogical Society of America Short Course Notes on Sulfide Mineralogy. The treatment of the Fe-S and Cu-S systems is far out of date for a 1980 publication, and Richard Yund and Gunnar Kullerød's 1968 publication (*J. Petrology*, p. 454) on the Cu-Fe-S system is cited as though it were still in progress. Livingstone (Hg-S<sub>2</sub>) was shown by James Craig in 1970 (*Am. Mineral.*, p. 919) to contain that extra sulfur atom, yet the wrong formula is given. The discussions of the silver-gold tellurides bespeak the lack of an understanding of the phase relations but they ignore the careful studies of Louis Cabri (*Econ. Geol.*, p. 1689, 1965) and William Kelly and E. N. Gossard (*Geol. Soc. Am. Mem.*, p. 108, 1969). Many more such examples can be cited in which recent work has been ignored.

The distribution of publication dates in the list of references suggests either that the book is far out of date or that it chronicles the decay and demise of a particular corner of science; in fact, both are true. By the late 1940's, observation of ores had outdistanced theory, and the standard interpretations of the day gradually became recognized as unsatisfactory. Textural interpretation was viewed with suspicion and was performed perfunctorily. The practitioners of ore petrography of the 50's grew to rely on reflectivity and microhardness (and in the 60's on the microprobe); chemistry was all too often substituted for careful



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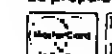
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We have in the second English edition of *The Ore Minerals and Their Intergrowths* a book that was very well written in the mid-1960's and superficially revised in the late '70's to the extent of adding newly discovered minerals and a few excellent additional photographs of older ones. This is not a modern textbook for ore petrology; it is, however, by far the best compilation of superb ore photographs available. A first-rate-microscope laboratory needs a copy of Ramdohr, but after comparing both editions (and considering the high price of the second), this reviewer sees few compelling reasons to replace the older edition with the recent one.

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## New Publications

### Estuarine Hydrography and Sedimentation

K. R. Dyer (Ed.), Cambridge University Press, New York, ix + 230 pp., 1979, \$39.50.

Reviewed by James P. Bennett

An extremely wide variety of disciplines can often become involved in even the simplest estuarine-water-quality study. The complexity of processes combined with cumbersome logistics and the tremendous expense of conducting estuarine studies make it imperative that all possible influencing factors be anticipated in data-collection program design and execution. Dyer's stated purpose is to provide estuarine researchers and students with 'advice on techniques of analysis and ways of interpreting data which are rather foreign to them, even though they are within the general area of estuarine studies.' The book is, however, not intended to be a cookbook but a source in which techniques are outlined together for comparison with references to other publications for details. The book is a compilation of contributions, and a few of the authors are less successful than others in achieving Dyer's objectives; but, by and large, it is a worthwhile addition to estuarine research literature.

The first chapter introduces the physical and hydrodynamic framework. It has an excellent section describing the classification of estuaries with respect to circulation types and another section that emphasizes the recently appreciated fact that classical circulations are frequently interrupted by flow patterns induced by weather. This chapter also discusses the interactions between sediment and circulation that produce the turbidity maximum and increase the trap efficiency of estuarine systems. The chapter has an excellent bibliography as well.

Tidal measurement is the topic of the second chapter. It emphasizes the importance of referencing tide gauges to local datum and gives troubleshooting hints and check procedures to ensure reliable operation of automatic float gauges.

It does not, however, include the techniques of (1) using a measuring tape instead of a wire to connect the pen and float; (2) using a portable, clear plastic stilling well to read the staff gage; or (3) obtaining common datum for several gages on the same estuary. Neither does the section discuss the importance of precise timing of tide records (or modern quartz timers) in running and calibrating digital hydrodynamic models. Also, few of the references in chapter 2 would be readily available to U.S. readers.

Chapter 3 outlines hydrographic surveys, which includes position fixing and depth sounding, whereas chapter 4 covers side-scan sonar and reflection seismic profiling. With the exception of the optical position fixing techniques, the procedures discussed in these chapters are 'equipment-dependent,' so manufacturer's operating manuals should be carefully consulted in designing sampling programs. Reading side-scan and seismic profiling charts is still very much of an art, so expert help should always be obtained in interpreting these records.

Estuarine bottom sediments provide homes and food sources for many organisms. Sediments entrain many pollutant materials and are important in recycling nutrients. Their size composition reflects local water dynamics, their mineralogy reflects source material, and the combination of these two characteristics may be indicative of contrast between prevailing modern and prehistoric transport processes. With the exception that it omits discussing the Ponar Grab, chapter 6 is an excellent review of the principal methods of obtaining sediment samples, the analytical techniques used to determine the particle size distributions of these samples, and how these analyses may be interpreted to provide information about the environment from which they were collected. This chapter also has a complete and relatively up-to-date bibliography.

Circulation patterns in most estuaries are such that these systems are essentially perfect traps for suspended sediment. Understanding sediment transport is thus the key to understanding shoaling, pollutant dynamics, and many other aspects of estuarine behavior. Chapter 8 describes the determination of suspended material concentration, the pro-













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THE TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF THE FORMATION OF A  
MEMBRANE IN THE STRATOSPHERE  
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Recent research has shown that the formation of  
the stratosphere cannot be formed by simple mixing

**coagulation process.** However this conclusion is obtained by assuming the ambient temperature to be  $-50^{\circ}\text{C}$  or  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ , but in reality it is not unusual that the ambient temperature is  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  or even higher. The temperature can be as low as  $-75^{\circ}\text{C}$  or even lower. It is not clear to us how the influence of temperature on the formation of nucleation centers is related to the nucleation process. We explore the possibility of forming new particles through homogeneous nucleation processes at certain temperatures. The nucleation rate is extremely low, the classical nucleation theory [1] is not applicable. The temperature dependence of the characteristics of nucleation centers of sulfide aerosols in the binary  $\text{NiO}_2$ -R $_{20}$  vapors is shown in Figure 1. The results indicate that the number of new particles per unit volume and unit time is of the order of  $10^3$  to  $10^4$  at  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The temperature is order-of-magnitude lower than the boiling point of the binary mixture. The concentration of water and sulfuric acid vapors are negligible. At atmospheric pressure with low temperature there may be nucleation centers of the ultrafine particles which can hardly be detected by the  $\beta$ -ray method.

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ALUMINUM IN THE IRON OXIDULE COMPLEXES WITH  
THEY DEVELOPED IN SLOVANIA.  
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OXIDULE COMPLEXES is very similar to the  
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